

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the Abstract with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure:

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An artificial nipple for an experimental animal can include a replaceable duct in a nipple and a structure that prevents liquid from accumulating in the nipple except in the nipple tip and the duct. The artificial nipple can be configured to prevent liquid from accumulating by filling the nipple with an elastic member or by forming the nipple with an elastic member integrally with an outer wall of the nipple.